13th August 1954]

Supply of meals to prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules.

* 1381 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary and the number of 'A', 'B' and 'C' class prisoners;

(*b*) the expenses of the Penitentiary for the year 1952; and

(*c*) whether meals are served to the prisoners on the ration scale and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 1,259 as on 28th April 1954. Of these the number placed in 'A', 'B' and 'C' classes was 1, 12, 1,246 respectively.

" (*b*) Rs. 5,61,464.

" (*c*) The prisoners are served meals according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules. The hon. Member is referred to the statement [a] placed on the table of the House regarding the scales of diet."

Construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station.

* 1382 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proposed date for the commencement of the construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station; and

(*b*) the probable date of completion of the bridge?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the construction of a bridge over the Buckingham canal at mile 0/3 of the Tiruvottiyur-Ponneri-Panjetty road. The work was completed in November 1953."

Grant of loans and State aid to industrial concerns in the City.

* 1383 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State aid and loans granted by the Government to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952;

(*b*) the number of such loans still outstanding, and the year in which they were granted;

(*c*) whether the firms to which aids and loans were given in the City fulfilled the conditions under which such loans were given;

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[a] **Printed as Appendix III on pages 732–733 infra.**